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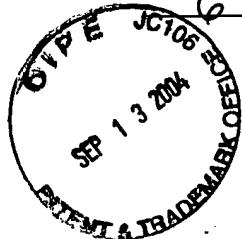
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Daniel B. Schein

Daniel B. Schein, Ph.D., Esq., Reg. No. 33,551

6 September 2004

Date



Case No. 11493-3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Aroon Raman et al.

Serial No: 10/019,634

Examiner: Neil S. Levy

Filed: 12/27/2001

Group Art Unit: 1616

For: A SUBSTANCE DELIVERY
DEVICE

**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

Attention: Office of Petitions
Mail Stop Petitions
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS
APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a).**

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely reply to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2004. The undersigned attorney for applicants respectfully submits that the entire delay in filing the required response from the due date of August 20, 2004 until the filing of a

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grantable petition was unavoidable due to the sudden hospitalization of the undersigned, which is explained in more detail below, and that there was no intention to abandon this application from the due date through the filing of a grantable petition.

SUBMITTED HEREWITH ARE:

1. Petition fee for other than small entity – (37 CFR 1.17(l)).
2. A reply to the Office action mailed February 20, 2004.
3. A Request for Continued Examination, plus fee.
4. A Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136 for three (3) months, plus fee.
5. Form PTO-2038 authorizing the charge of all fees associated herewith to be charged to the credit card identified thereon.
6. Documents evidencing that a response would have been timely filed but for the sudden hospitalization of the undersigned.

NO TERMINAL DISCLAIMER REQUIRED

Since this utility application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

ADEQUATE SHOWING OF THE CAUSE OF THE DELAY

The undersigned attorney respectfully submits that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable and certainly unintentional as well.

I began suffering flu-like symptoms on Monday, August 16, 2004 and did limited work from home August 17 and 18, 2004. Because I knew a response was due in this case on Friday, August 20, 2004, I went into my office to work on the morning of August 19, 2004, and acknowledged response instructions sent via email from the client's representative in

England (see Attachment A). The email exchange between the client's representative and me shows that I requested at 10:13 AM on August 19, 2004 (18:13 London time) that the instructions sent in *.pdf format be sent to me in word processing format so that I could cut and paste arguments into my responsive amendment. Having previously filed a response in this matter and having reviewed the client's instructions and the file on the morning of August 19, 2004, I believed it should be no problem for me to prepare and timely file a response by the due date of the next day.

However, rather than feeling better, my illness worsened on August 19, 2004. In addition to fever, severe headache, and nausea, I began to have difficulty breathing, and I sought treatment at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose, California. A first emergency room Doctor examined me, and instructed a nurse to insert an intravenous line in my arm and to begin infusing antibiotics, fluids, and other medications. Subsequently that evening, another Doctor, Dr. Chung, advised me that I was suffering from pneumonia and that I needed to remain in the hospital. Antibiotics, fluids, pain relievers, and other medications were administered to me for two days while I was confined to the hospital. Due to the medications administered, I was unconscious for long periods of time during my hospital stay, and I was not discharged until Saturday, August 21, 2004. Attached as Attachment B is the Nursing Discharge Summary Instructions given to me on Saturday, August 21, 2004, which specify limited activity and rest.

As can also be seen in Attachment A, while I was hospitalized on August 20, 2004, a further copy of the client's instructions in word processing format were timely sent to me via email in the early morning by the applicants' representative in England. It should be noted that the applicants are located in India, which slows reporting office actions and communications with the client to obtain response instructions. Nevertheless, had I not been hospitalized, I could have prepared a timely response.

After my release from the hospital on Saturday, August 21, 2004, I began suffering post-pneumonia symptoms on Monday, August 23, 2004. The symptoms became severe enough that I was admitted to O'Connor Hospital again on Thursday, August 26, 2004. An intravenous infusion was given to me with a variety of medications, and I was diagnosed with pleurisy. I was discharged later the same day with instructions to rest and additional medications were prescribed. My illness continued through the following week, with fever and pain.

As promptly as I felt that I could do so, I prepared this petition along with the response and other documents and fee submissions required to fully respond to the outstanding Office Action. The delay in filing the response was unavoidable as my illness and hospitalization prevented me from completing its preparation and filing until after the due date.

I respectfully ask that the delay in filing the response be held to be unavoidable, and that the application be revived.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney for Applicants

Dated: 6 September 2004

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ATTACHMENT A

**COPY OF EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM AUGUST
17, 2004 THROUGH AUGUST 20, 2004 EXCHANGED
BETWEEN THE APPLICANTS' REPRESENTATIVE IN
ENGLAND AND THEIR US PATENT COUNSEL
DEMONSTRATING THAT INSTRUCTIONS WERE TIMELY
PROVIDED AND THAT A TIMELY RESPONSE WOULD
HAVE BEEN FILED BUT FOR THE SUDDEN
HOSPITALIZATION OF THE APPLICANTS' US PATENT
COUNSEL**

Subj: **Attn: D Schein: (Our ref: JM/P206465US Your ref: 11493-3)**
Date: 8/20/2004 2:15:07 AM Pacific Daylight Time
From: elh@udl.co.uk
Reply-to: jmd@udl.co.uk
To: Shinelegal@aol.com

Dear Mr Schein

Further to your email to John McDonough below, please find attached a copy of our letter of 17 August 2004 which is saved in Word format for editing purposes. Please contact me if you have any problems opening or editing the document.

Regards,

Emma Harris
Secretary to Johnathan McDonough
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-----Original Message-----

From: John McDonough
Sent: 20 August 2004 09:59
To: Emma Harris
Subject: FW: FW: Attn: D Schein: US Patent Application No. 10/019634 (Our ref: JM/P...

-----Original Message-----

From: Shinelegal@aol.com [mailto:Shinelegal@aol.com]
Sent: 19 August 2004 18:13
To: John McDonough
Subject: Re: FW: Attn: D Schein: US Patent Application No. 10/019634 (Our ref: JM/P...

John:

Received with thanks. I have had a severe flu since monday, so I am just getting caught up today.

Could you send the remarks in word processing format so I can cut and paste as need to save \$?

Best regards,

Dan

In a message dated 8/19/2004 4:34:02 AM Pacific Daylight Time, elh@udl.co.uk writes:

Please find below a further copy of my email of 17 August 2004. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt by return.

Regards,

John McDonough
for Urquhart-Dykes & Lord LLP

> -----Original Message-----
> From: Emma Harris
> Sent: 17 August 2004 17:39
> To: 'shinelegal@aol.com'
> Subject: Attn: D Schein: US Patent Application No. 10/019634 (Our ref: JM/P206465US Your ref: 11493-3)
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> For the attention of Daniel B Schein Esq:
>
> Dear Mr Schein
>
> Please find attached a letter from Johnathan McDonough. This document is saved in Adobe Acrobat format and if you have any problems opening it please contact me.
>
> Regards,
>
> Emma Harris
> Secretary to John McDonough
> for Urquhart-Dykes & Lord LLP
> Tel: +44 (0) 113 245 2388
> Fax: +44 (0) 113 243 0446
>
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Best regards,

Dan

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Dr. Schein earned a Ph.D. in Chemistry before becoming a Registered United States Patent Attorney.

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ATTACHMENT B

**COPY OF PATIENT DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS DATED
21 AUGUST 2004 FROM O'CONNOR HOSPITAL, SAN
JOSE, CALIFORNIA, FOR APPLICANTS' US PATENT
COUNSEL FOR HOSPITALIZATION STARTING ON 19
AUGUST 2004**

ADMIT DISCH. TIME _____

REFERRED TO:

PRE-NO.	PATIENT NO.	PT. TYPE	SERVICE	BIRTHDATE	AGE	SEX	MS	MODE ARRIVAL	MED. REC. NO.	REGIST.	DATE-TIME
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P	PATIENT NAME/ADDRESS	S.S. NO./PHONE	COMPLAINT
T	SCHMITT, DANIEL	221-76-0691	BOB/R STUNG "PLIOPRIST"

PATIENT INFORMATION INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

We are pleased to be of service to you. The Emergency Department provides initial evaluation and treatment of patients with illnesses and injuries that require attention without delay. Patients are seen in the order of their medical urgency, not according to time of arrival. You should contact your private physician or the physician to whom you have been referred for follow-up care and treatment as this is an important part of your total treatment. This should be done according to the instructions given to you or as soon as necessary.

LABORATORY TESTS

All abnormal tests are reviewed daily. If a change is indicated in your treatment program, you will be notified by telephone or by letter if you have no phone or are unavailable.

X-RAYS

Your X-Rays have been read and interpreted by the Emergency Physician. In addition to this, all X-Rays are reviewed by the Radiologist (X-Ray specialist) within 24 hours. If there is any discrepancy between the preliminary reading and the Radiologist's interpretation, you will be notified by telephone or by letter.

There is an EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN available 24 hours a day in the Emergency Department. If you are unable to reach your private physician we can be reached at the following number:

O'Connor Hospital Emergency Department (408) 947-2666

Impression: (1) Acute (2) Pleurisy (3) SP RUL Pneumonia

Work / School:

Return to regular _____

Return to modified _____

Restriction: _____

Return to school / PE _____

Disposition:

Discharge home Admit Admit to observation

Transfer to: _____

Discharge Condition:

Good Fair Guarded

Improved Stable

Refer to Primary MD Industrial Clinic Other: _____

Instructions: (1) Follow up with Dr Miller

(2) Take Vicoprofen for pain

You have been given discharge information on _____

MD Signature

Date

Patient or Parent/Guardian
Signature

Nurse Signature